



March 2024

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A message from Nicola Crockatt and Becci McManus

I cannot believe how many wonderful events have taken place at Red Hill this month! We started the month with a special assembly celebrating some inspirational women from our Red Hill community for International Women's day and World Book Day where each child showcased their favorite book character. Our Comic Relief fundraising raised a whopping £758.62 including noses! Thanks you to all our families for supporting such an important charity. Then, the finale of this month was the Easter Bonnet Parade and the first Red Hill's Got Talent. Both of these events were organised and run by our School Council. Please have a restful holiday ready for the next month of remarkable Red Hill days.





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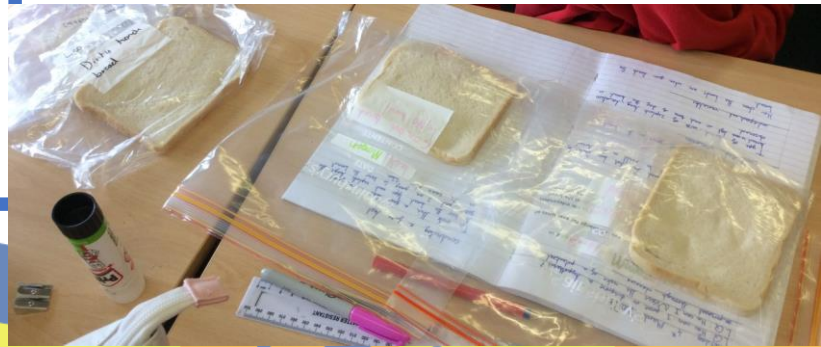


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Year 6 News Building Bright Futures

This week, Year 6 had fun during Science week exploring the conditions in which mould grows. We tested slices of bread under three conditions: untouched, clean hands and dirty hands and compared our results. It was surprising how long it took mould to grow on any of the slices!! It was evident that when we made our hands dirty, this was the first slice of bread to mould so lessons in hygiene were also learnt.



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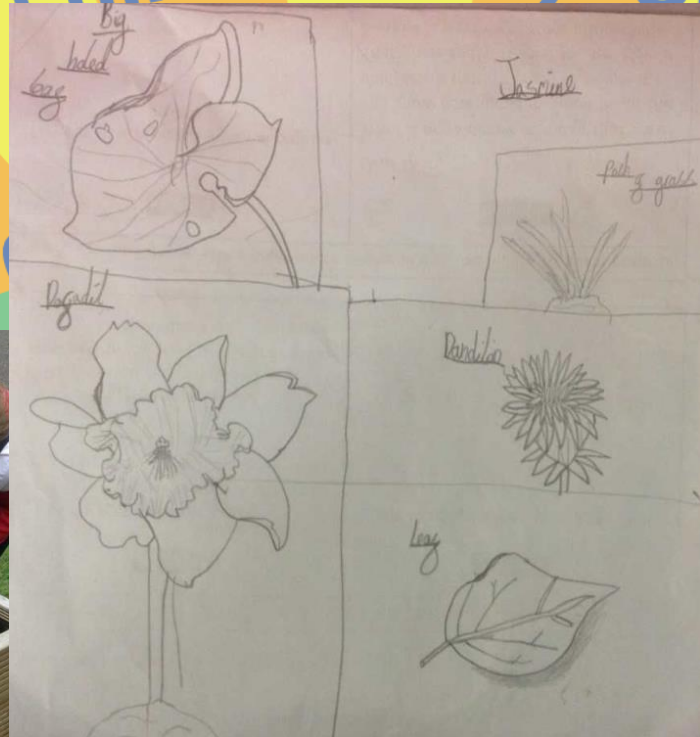
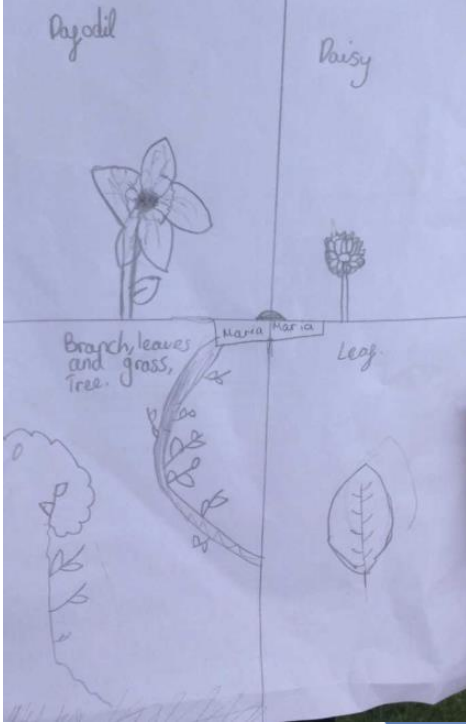


We also had a special visitor from the Police to talk to children about social media use and how to stay safe.

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Year 5 have been exploring the natural world around them in our IPC topic Roots, Shoots and Fruits. The children spent time exploring, observing and collecting the different plants and natural objects they could find within the school's environment.

Year 5 News





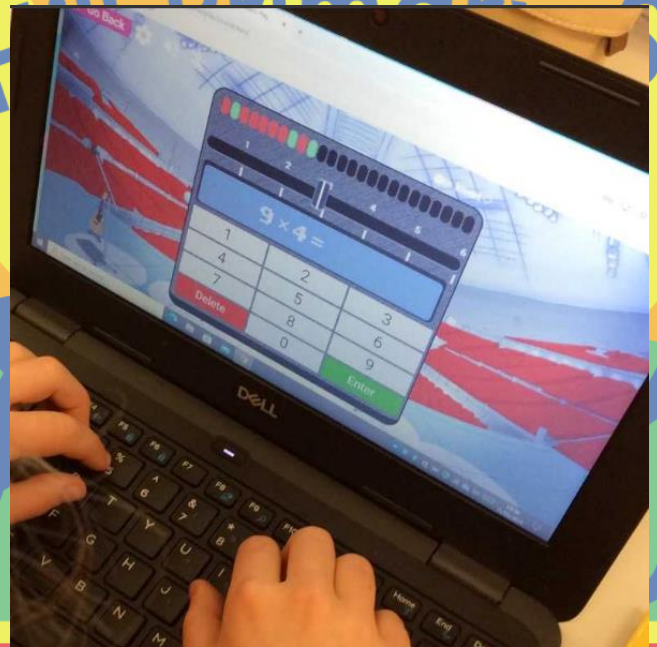
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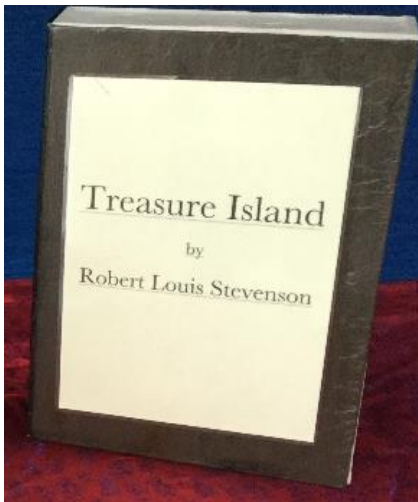


Year 4 News

This half term, Year 4 have been in competition on Times Tables Rock Stars! We have been working hard and each class have been trying to reach the top of the leader board every week. Each week a child in class receives a certificate of achievement and this will continue after Easter.



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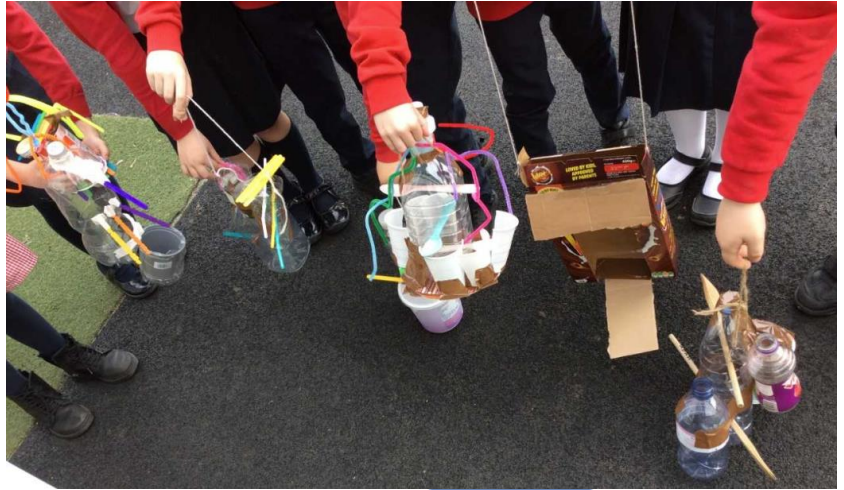


Year 3 enjoyed a workshop called 'Treasure Island' as our exit point to our topic 'Island Life'. They had lots of fun working with an experienced actor in storytelling. The children acted and presented the story of Treasure Island, learning new drama techniques. There were lots of budding thespians!

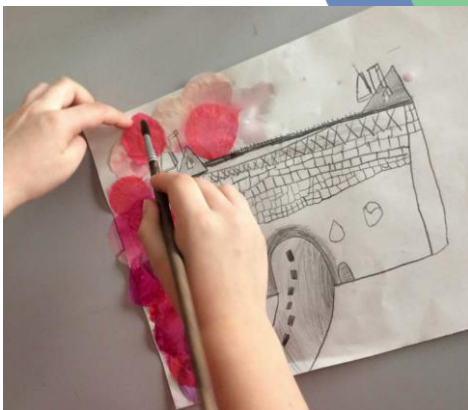


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YEAR 2 NEWS



Year 2 have had a very creative few weeks with our story writing, measuring mass, length and capacity as well as creating our own bird feeders from recycled materials for the end of our topic - Live and Let Live. We hope they come into good use in everyone's gardens.



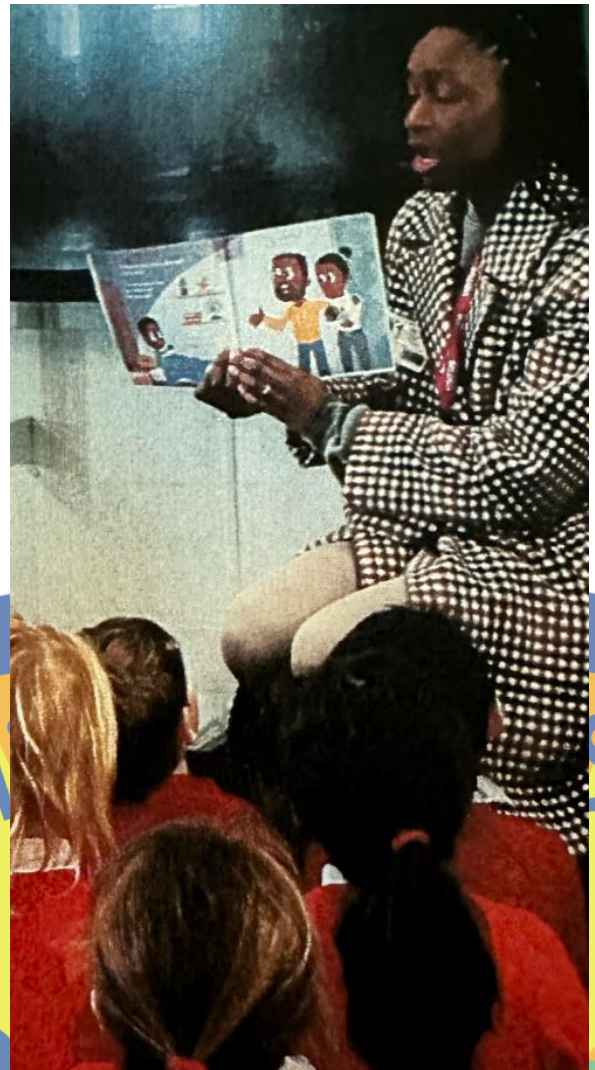
Also, we have even been sketching Chislehurst's water tower that was demolished years ago and used tissue paper to bleed colours into one another.



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YEAR 1 NEWS

This month we have been busy in Year 1. For our exit point in our topic 'Time Travellers' we went for a local walk around Chislehurst to observe how it has changed compared to what it looked like in the past.



We have been learning all about length and height in Maths. We measured how tall we were on our whole class chart and used the vocabulary 'taller', 'shorter' and longer' to compare objects.



We have now moved onto our new topic 'A day in the life'. We have thought about different jobs we want to do when we are older. We have had visits from an author who read us her new story and a dental nurse who taught us all about her job. We asked them questions about their profession and discussed whether it would still be a job when we were bigger!

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Reception News



Reception have had a wonderful half term learning all about our Topic once upon a time. They have dressed up as their favourite book character, created The Three Little pigs and designed their own The Little Red Hen to retell the story.



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At Red Hill, we are very excited to announce, we have our very own litter pickers. Every class has a litter picker and they have the huge responsibility to collect any rubbish on the playground during break time and lunchtime. We are working as a team to make Red Hill eco-friendly and keeping our planet earth free of rubbish and litter.



Lily-Beth (Year 6) and Lexi (Year 4) are starring in *Oliver!* at the Churchill Theatre in May. They are both in the Thursday Matinee, Friday Evening and Saturday Evening performances.

Please go along and support them and enjoy the show!





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Choir News



On Saturday 16th March, Chamber Choir competed in the final for BYMT's Key Stage 2 Choir Competition.

Despite only having a choir of 9 children, they managed to fill the large auditorium with their beautiful singing. The adjudicator's feedback was that they had lovely harmonies, followed the conductor well and shaped the music to show excellent musicality. Some of the choir have pointed out to me that we were the only runners-up not to receive any negative feedback.

The children performed fabulously. The other choir leaders couldn't believe what we were able to do with so few children (the other choirs had 30 – 60 children). They were absolutely extraordinary and I am very, very, very, very proud of them! Mrs Hurst

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PE News

This term has been very busy. The boys and girls football teams have been playing in league matches and got to the final of the Pioneer Football tournament. The girls in year 4 got bronze medals in the Bromley School Games gymnastics competition, which was incredible. The year 5 and 6 children also took part in the Bromley School Games lacrosse tournament and they were amazing!





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Spotlight on Mental Health – March 2024

As the Easter holidays approach, Bromley are offering the Holiday, Activities and Food programme (HAF), providing free holiday club places, including activities and healthy meals outside of term time, for eligible families with children aged 5 – 16 years old. For more information, please visit the following link: [Holiday activities and food programme \(bromley.gov.uk\)](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/haf)



FAMILY HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENTS

Wed 27
March

ST EDWARDS CHURCH

35 St Keverne Road, Mottingham, SE9 4AQ.

11am to 3pm

Fri 19
April

ANERLEY TOWN HALL

Anerley Town Hall, Anerley Road, SE20 8BD.

11am to 3pm

Tue 7
May

TEMPLE URC CHURCH

Temple URC Church, 179 High Street, Orpington, BR6 4AX.

11am to 3pm

Just drop by, no booking required!

Free children's activities and refreshments!

JOIN US!

Families, parents, and carers are invited to drop by our Family Health and Wellbeing events from March to May 2024.

No booking, just drop by to gain more information about managing your own and your family's health and wellbeing with information and support from Bromley's Public Health team and other partnership health organisations who operate in the borough.



Mental health advice, tips and support






Vaccinations advice and booking help



Blood pressure checks



www.bromley.gov.uk/health

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SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

Mental Health Foundation

Our website offers information on mental health, mental health problems, self-help and how to get help. www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Confidential help and support

The Samaritans provides emotional support 24 hours a day. www.samaritans.org
 Email: jo@samaritans.org
 Telephone: 08457 90 90 90

Counselling

The British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy www.bacp.co.uk
 Email: bacp@bacp.co.uk
 Telephone: 01455 883300

UK Council for Psychotherapy

www.psychotherapy.org.uk
 Email: info@ukcp.org.uk
 Telephone: 020 7014 9955

General health information

NHS 111 provides information 24 hours a day. www.nhs.uk Telephone: 111

For free support for children, young people and their families, please contact:

<https://bromley-y.org/>

Parkruns are free, weekly community events which take place on Saturday and Sunday mornings in local parks. You can run, jog or walk your way around the 2k or 5k track with family and friends! To find out more, visit www.parkrun.org.uk

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) is a free service run by the NHS and is made up of medical and mental health professionals. If you have concerns about your child, please call 0208 315 4430 (Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm) or 0208 3228 5980 (Sat – Sun 9am – 10pm).

For practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour, there is a wealth of information on the following website. From supporting children with homework, to help with peer pressure, to sleep issues ... there are short videos and texts to help.

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)

Examples of what is available:

How to manage and prevent overwhelm in children 10 min read

Read now

Problem-solving with Children 5 min read

Read now

My child says "I hate you!" 2 min video 5 min read

Read now

My child has trouble going to sleep 2 min video 8 min read

Read now

How do I get my child to listen? 2 min video 4 min read

Read now

Co-Parenting after a separation or divorce 6 min read

Read now



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Save the date - Our summer fair will be held on 6th July 2024.

Joining us at FORH

We are always looking to welcome new members to come and join us. If you would like any more info, feel free to contact us on the following -

Facebook - Friends of Red Hill School (PTA)

Instagram - @friends.of.red.hill.primary

Email - friendsofredhill@live.co.uk

Thank you as always for your support!

Friday 9th February – end of Spring 1

Half Term – Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February – Spring 2 begins

Thursday 28th March – end of Spring 2

Easter Holidays – Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

Monday 15th - April Summer 1 begins

NEW – Thursday 2nd May - Polling Day – School closed to pupils

Friday 24th May - Summer 1 ends

Half Term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June – Inset – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 4th June - Summer 2 begins

Wednesday 24th July – Summer 2 ends

Term Dates